

REMARKS

Subsequent to entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 12 and 14-21 are presently pending in this application. Claim 23-28 and 30-34 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-11, 22 and 29 were previously cancelled. Claim 13 is cancelled via the foregoing Amendment, and the subject matter thereof is incorporated into claim 12. The dependency of claim 14 has been changed accordingly.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 13 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12 and 14-21 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any points remaining in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

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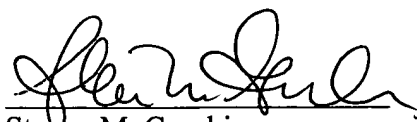
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